

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004, claims 1, 2, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Inakoshi (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,604), and claims 3-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Inakoshi in view of Li (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,496). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

Attorney for applicant is advised that Inakoshi corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-181723.

Inakoshi discusses a network resource monitoring system and method for providing notice of changes in resources in a network. Inakoshi discusses that "when the monitoring destination URL that the form agent 48 has is not in the hash table 81, the form agent 48 adds it to the hash table 81 as an entry and registers the corresponding record." (refer to column 12, lines 6-9). From this description, the object to be updated appears to be the hash table 81 (which, the Examiner indicates in the Office Action corresponds to the "address list" of the present invention). However, this means that this hash table 81 is updated "when the monitoring destination URL ... is not in the hash table 81", not updated based on the "state of references monitored by said monitoring section" as in the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 1, 19, and 20.

Li discusses a system for personalizing, organizing, and managing web information.

The present claim 1 recites that the object to be updated by the "updating section" is the "address list", and the "address list" is updated based on "the state of references monitored by said monitoring section". The present claims 19 and 20 recite similar features

Since the apparatus of the present invention is so structured that the address list is updated based on the "the state of references monitored by the monitoring section", it is possible to automatically execute updating of, for example, addition or deletion of URLs to the URL list (corresponding to the address list of the present invention) held by the URL registration function.

Neither Inakoshi nor Li, either alone or in combination, discusses or suggests updating based on "the state of references monitored by the monitoring section" as in the present invention.

Dependent claims 2-18 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 2 recites "a connection section accessing to an address contained in said

address list in case the address is designated".

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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